

Wednesday 5th November 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"In English we've been writing poems".

Nellie – 2B



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 18th Nov	Years 1, 2 & 3 Cinema Night
Thurs 20th Nov	Years 4, 5 & 6 Cinema Night
Thurs 4th Dec	Christmas Fair
Tues 9th Dec	Years 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Concert
Wed 10th Dec	Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Carols
Thurs 11th Dec	Christmas Dinner & Reindeer Dash
Thurs 11th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 12th Dec	EYFS Christmas Concert
Friday 19th Dec Christmas Jumper Day	END OF TERM School Closes Friday 19th and Reopens on Mon 5th Jan 2026

HARVEST FESTIVAL - A big thank you for your generosity for the Harvest Festival. This was distributed to Calder Grove Cricket Club Food Bank and the local community.

POPPY APPEAL - Poppies are now on sale in School. You can send money into School with your child if they would like to buy one.



MAYOR VISIT - We had a visit from the Deputy Mayoress on Thursday 23rd October. She met with the School Council to discuss 'What it is like to live in the local area', and shared some resources about anti-social behavior. The children had lots of questions to ask her about her role.

LANGUAGE BEE

We are excited to inform you that we are taking part in the French Language Bee. You were emailed before the holidays, a list of 30 words that your child will be tested on in class. Please help them to practice at home, as there will be a Classroom Competition on the 17th November, followed by a School Wide Competition and a District Wide Competition later in the School year. Merci beaucoup



We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing half term.

SAFEGUARDING - If you feel it is necessary for your child to have a mobile phone, YOU MUST check your child's texts and messages every day. We have had to recently report, sent group messages, to the Police and their feedback was that it is the parents responsibility, to keep their child safe online. The messages were highly inappropriate and had been shared among children as a group. Children need to: 1) tell a trusted adult, 2) block the account and 3) report to the messages to the Police.

ATTENDANCE - Our attendance last week was **93.1%** which is below our School Target. Our attendance for the year so far is 96%. This means we are on track to meet our whole School attendance target for the year to date. Please continue to support us to maintain this level of attendance. This term all children with 100% attendance will be entered into a free prize draw, to win a Seasonal Celebration Box.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - HAMPER ITEMS NEEDED

We are creating colour coded hampers which we are selling raffle tickets for. Your child's class will be allocated a colour as follows:

PINK - Nursery & Reception, **PURPLE** - Years 1 & 2, **GREEN** - Years 3 & 4, **RED** - Years 5 & 6.

Items don't have to be large or expensive, some ideas for you are biscuits, chocolates, crackers, a bottle, candles, a beauty item or unwanted gifts.

Anti-Bullying Week Is Back- 10th to 14th November 2024

Odd Socks Day - Wednesday 12th November 2024



From the 10th -14th November Schools across the country will be celebrating. Antbullying week is co-ordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. In November 2022, 80% of Schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people. That's a big impact! The theme this year is 'Power for Good'. We'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree. We will remind adults to lead by example, online and offline. Children can "unite" by wearing odd socks on Wednesday 12th November along with their school uniform, to support acceptance of equality and diversity of all.

Cinema Night

Don't forget tickets are still on sale for the Cinema Night.

Tues 18th November 2025 Years 1, 2 and 3

Thurs 20th November 2025 Years 4, 5 and 6

The cost of the night is £3 per child and they will receive a hot dog, drink and a cookie.



TOPICS FOR THIS HALF TERM

This half terms unit of work will be:

Nursery	Can you have a lion as a pet?
Reception	What festivals are celebrated around our diverse planet?
Year 1	What were toys like 100 years ago?
Year 2	Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?
Year 3	Who lives in Antarctica?
Year 4	What makes India so special?
Year 5	What is life like in the Alps?
Year 6	What was the impact of the Blitz on different types of people?



CHRISTMAS FAIR - THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025

It's that time of year again - could you please have a good sort out and send in any toys, books, toiletries, chocolate, teddies and gifts for our **Tombola**, **Teddy Tombola**, **Toy Stall** and **Chocolate Surprise**. We are also having our craft/gift stall, any donations that we can use to make unusual gifts, please send into school. As usual we will be having our fantastic Cake Stall, don't forget to get your ingredients in ready to bake for the fair.



Designated Safeguarding Leads - Mrs K Ashton (Headteacher), Mr D Benson (Deputy Headteacher),

Mrs R Knowles (Assistant Head Teacher, SENCO & Early Years Foundation Stage Leader), Mrs R Bentham Teacher, Miss A Walsh Learning Mentor Safeguarding Governor, Mrs A Spiers (Chair of Governors - aspiers@hendal.wakefield.sch.uk) If you have any concerns regarding the welfare of children you can contact Social Care Direct on 0345 850 3503

Wakefield Attendance Strategy 2023-2026

In Wakefield, we strive for the best educational outcomes for our children and young people, regardless of background, and ensure by working together that they are Happy, Healthy and Safe.



Our Vision

Every child has a right to an education, and for the vast majority this education should take place within our schools. We and our partners are fully committed to this. Together, we will initiate and forge a cultural shift within our families, schools, communities and services to ensure that everyone takes responsibility for the attendance of Wakefield's children. We will jointly aim for 100%. No excuses

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance enables children and young people to access the best possible start in life, one which sets them up for a lifetime of learning.

Working Together to Improve Attendance

Together, we can change attendance culture, and improve the lives of our children and young people, creating a better world for the future.

Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	89%
Penguin (6B)	94.1%
Zebra (5A)	90.3%
Otters (5B)	89.6%
Rhinoceros (4A)	96.9%
Koala (4B)	87.2%
Orca (3A)	90.6%
Giraffe (3B)	95.1%
Toucan (2A)	97%
Flamingo (2B)	91.6%
Tiger (1A)	91.6%
Panda (1B)	96.4%
Lions 1 (UF1)	92.2%
Lions 2 (UF2)	95.7%

Late Arrivals

17 Children arrived late last week this means that they lost valuable learning time and did not get the best possible start to the school day. Why not bring your child to breakfast club to make sure they are at school ready to start their lessons on time everyday.

EVERY DAY COUNTS At Hendl Primary School

Attendance Ladder



100% Class Attendance Challenge - Non Uniform Reward
Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 20th October 2025.

Attainment is linked to Attendance - At Hendl Primary School we are dedicated to ensuring that each child has the opportunity to learn to the best of their ability and reach their full potential. To achieve this it is vital that children attend school every day, and arrive on time.

Achiever of the Week

Class	Achiever	Class	Achiever
Llama (6A)	Harrison	Toucan (2A)	Whole Class
Leopard (6B)	Della	Flamingo (2B)	Nellie
Zebra (5A)	Whole Class	Tiger (1A)	Whole Class
Otters (5B)	Emilia	Panda (1B)	Whole Class
Rhinoceros (4A)	Whole Class	Lions (UF1)	Scarlett
Koala (4B)	Whole Class	Lions (UF2)	Albie
Orca (3A)	Oliver	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Sandra	Lion Cubs	Whole Class